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Paul Dabbs
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Dear Mr. Dabbs,

Some years ago I testified on behalf of non-dam water management and conservation as a priority! I again urge the California Department of Water Resources in their 2005 Water Plan Update to support non-dam management investments, including water use efficiency, recycling and groundwater treatment for our current and future water needs.

Please oppose surface local storage projects, the raise of Shasta Dam, Sites Reservoir, enlargement of Los Vaqueros and Temperance Flat Dam. These projects will cost the public dearly, harm the environment and produce little water. A *true* cost/benefit analysis will confirm this.

We can more than meet our water needs without dams. The Planning and Conservation League's recently published report, *Investment Strategy for California Water*, finds that additional groundwater treatments and desalinization, water recycling and urban and agricultural water use efficiency can increase the water available by nearly 4.7 million acre feet.

With the decline in Bay Delta fisheries and water quality, it is of prime importance that more water *not* be exported from the Delta. The 2005 Plan must strengthen recommendations to ensure that *all* Californians have access to clean, reliable and affordable water for drinking, recreation and fish consumption.

Finally, with the uncertainties regarding global climate change impacts, floodways must be strengthened and no further permits for residential homes in floodplains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Rivenes".

Barbara Rivenes